

Sinclair's decision to run an anti-Kerry documentary as a news event just before the election is clearly both an unethical smear tactic and an illegal political advertisement. This attempt to manipulate the political process by using the public airwaves must be halted by FCC action before the practice escalates further into a bilateral media free-for-all. Would you have ABC, NBC or CBS air "Going Upriver: The Long War of John Kerry" for free just before election day? Where is the current newsworthiness of any documentary on events of >30 years ago?